

REMARKS

Claim 21 is amended. Claims 21-39 are pending in this application.

The Examiner has rejected claims 21-28, 30, and 36-39 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Baker and Ho; rejected claims 29 and 31-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Baker, Ho, and Sullivan; and rejected claims 34 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Baker, Ho, and Traversat. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Applicant's techniques are directed to inserting a graphic onto a drawing page of a drawing software module. The drawing software module is configured to access a local graphic library by default. Applicant's techniques receive from a user configuration information that indicates whether an enterprise graphic library and/or a public graphic library is accessible to the drawing software module, in addition to the local graphic library. The enterprise graphic library and the public graphic library are both remote from the user's computer. In some embodiments, the enterprise graphic library includes content that is transferred to it from the public graphic library. Applicant's techniques configure the drawing module to access the enterprise graphic library and/or the public graphic library based on the configuration information received from the user.

Under applicant's techniques, to locate a desired graphic, a user enters a search term that describes the graphic. In addition, the user selects whether to search the local graphic library, a remote graphic library, or both. Applicant's techniques identify one or more graphics that match the search term in the appropriate graphic library or libraries. For example, if the user has selected to search a remote graphic library and the drawing software module has been configured to access the enterprise graphic library, applicant's techniques identify one or more graphics in the enterprise graphic library that match the search term. If the user has selected to search a remote graphic library and the drawing software module has been configured to access the public graphic library, applicant's techniques identify one or more graphics in the public graphic library that match the search term. In addition, if the user has selected to search the local graphic

library, applicant's techniques identify one or more graphics in the local graphic library that match the search term. Applicant's techniques display metadata associated with the identified graphics to the user, and allow the user to select one of the identified graphics for insertion onto a drawing page of the drawing software module.

Ho describes automatically adding graphics to a document to illustrate concepts referred to in the document. Ho identifies words in the document for illustration by graphics. For example, Ho may identify words in the document that match a concept matching word. A list of the identified words is displayed to a user, and the user can select one of the listed words. In response to the user selection, a graphic is added to the document that illustrates the selected word.

Ho's system may operate on a computer system having a memory containing a graphics presentation program. The graphics presentation program may include a graphics library containing instances of graphics that can be added to a document. In some embodiments, Ho's system or the graphics library may be provided separately from the graphics presentation program, such as in a macro or external library.

Claims 21-29 recite "receiving from a user configuration information, wherein the configuration information indicates whether the enterprise graphic library, the public graphic library, or both are accessible to the drawing software module in addition to the local graphic library." Claims 30-39 recite "receiving from a user configuration information, wherein the configuration information indicates remote graphic databases that are accessible to the drawing software module in addition to the local graphic database."

The Examiner acknowledges that Baker does not disclose these recited features, and cites Ho at 3:36-4:27 and Figure 1 to cure this deficiency. (Office Action, Aug. 3, 2009, pp. 4-5.) The cited portion of Ho describes identifying words in a document for illustration by graphics. For example, Ho may identify words in the document that

match a concept matching word. A list of the identified words is displayed to a user, and the user can select one of the listed words. In response to the user selection, Ho adds a graphic to the document that illustrates the selected word. In addition, the cited portion describes that Ho's system may operate on a computer system having a memory containing a graphics presentation program. The graphics presentation program may include a graphics library containing instances of graphics that can be added to a document. In some embodiments, Ho's system or the graphics library may be provided separately from the graphics presentation program, such as in a macro or external library.

While the cited portion of Ho describes receiving a user selection of a word to be illustrated, this user selection does not provide any information about which graphics libraries are accessible to Ho's graphics presentation program. In particular, the cited portion of Ho does not disclose or suggest receiving any information from a user that "indicates whether the enterprise graphic library, the public graphic library, or both are accessible to the drawing software module in addition to the local graphic library," as recited by claims 20-29, or that "indicates remote graphic databases that are accessible to the drawing software module in addition to the local graphic database," as recited by claims 30-39.

Claims 21-29 also recite "configuring the drawing software module to access the enterprise graphic library, the public graphic library, or both based on the received configuration information." Claims 30-39 recite "configuring the drawing software program to access the remote graphic database based on the received configuration information.

The Examiner acknowledges that Baker does not disclose these recited features, and cites Ho at 3:36-4:27 and Figure 1 to cure this deficiency. (Office Action, Aug. 3, 2009, pp. 4-5.) This cited portion of Ho is described above. However, while the cited portion of Ho describes that a graphics library may be external to a graphics

presentation program, the cited portion does not describe how the graphics presentation program is configured to access the external graphics library. In particular, the cited portion of Ho does not disclose that the graphics presentation program is configured to access the external graphic library based on configuration information received from a user, as recited by claims 21-39.

As amended, claims 21-29 recite "when the user selects to search a remote graphic library, directing the computer system to communicate with the enterprise graphic library, the public graphic library, or both based on the configuration of the drawing software module." None of the applied references apparently discloses this recited feature. For example, while Ho describes that a graphics library may be external to a graphics presentation program, Ho apparently does not contemplate multiple external graphics libraries. Nor does Ho direct its computer system to access one or more of multiple external graphics libraries based on the configuration of the drawing software module. In particular, Ho does not direct its computer system to "communicate with the enterprise graphic library, the public graphic library, or both based on the configuration of the drawing software module," as recited.

In view of the above amendment and remarks, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a prompt notice of allowance.

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